Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution prepared by the Government has been, placed on the Table of the House on 14th May, 1993.

Decline in percentage of plan outlays of ICAR

6038. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in the percentage of successive plan outlays of the ICAR out of the country's total plan outlay for Fourth to Eighth Five Year Plan outlays; and

(b) if so, whether this will effect the research programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The present outlay of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) against the total plan allocation of the country is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Plan	Total Plan	ICAR allocation	%AGE
IV	15902.2	85.00	0.5345
V	39303.00	153.56	0.3907
VI	97500.00	340.00	0.3487
VII	180000.00	425.00	0.2361
VIII	793000.00	1300.00	0.1629

(b) While there has been reduction in the percentage of outlay on ICAR, there is a substantial increase in the outlay in absolute terms The VIII Plan outlay of Rs. 1300.00 crores represents an increase of 205 per cent in the outlay over the VII Plan outlay of Rs. 425.00 crores.

Research in rain fed agriculture

6039. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that research in rain fed agriculture has led to identification of a number of low cost technologies for improving crop productivity; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken for the utilisation of the research findings in rain fed agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The proven package of practices of rain-fed farming technology are being disseminated to farmers through the respective State Agricultural Universitiese and the State Department of Agriculture.

(ii) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is disseminating rainfed technology through programmes like National Demonstrations, Operational Research Projects, Krishi Vigyan Kendras.